continues to be polluted by high level toxic material;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to control the presense of the toxic material to avoid further damage to the health of the people?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Of the 25 chemicals which were present in the UCIL premises after the unit was shut down, 22 chemicals have been shifted. Action has already been initiated by Madhya Pradesh Pradushan Niwaran Mandal for safe disposal of the remaining three chemicals.

Felling of trees and smuggling of timber from Orissa forests

2401. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the unabated felling of trees and smuggling of timber and valuable forest wealth from Orissa forest particularly in the Koraput, Ganjam and Phulbani districts; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to check the felling of trees in those districts?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) Information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

(b) Steps taken by the State Government to check felling of trees include;

(i) Intensive patrolling of forest area by protection staff.

(ii) Checking and regulation of transport of timber.

(iii) Checking and raiding of Saw Mills and other suspected premises.

Deforestation and afforestation by paper manufacturers

2402. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the paper manufacturers are under any legal obligation to afforest to the extent they deforest for raw material; and

(b) if so, what is the area they deforested and afforested in the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) There is no legal obligation for paper manufacturers to afforest to the extent they deforest for raw materials.

Incentive to Shri Leander Paes

2403. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what special incentives are being provided to Shri Leander Paes for winning this year's Wimbledon Junior Tennis Title?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): No special incentives are available under the Central Scheme of Special Awards to Winners of International Sports Events for the performance of Shri Leander Paes.

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2404. **डा० अबरार अहमद खान:** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1980 के बाद शेरों की गणना कब कराई गई थी और उस गणना में शेरों की कितनी संख्या का पता चला था ; और

(ख) क्या पिछले एक वर्ष के दौरान कोई शेर मारा गया है या प्राकृतिक मौत का शिकार हुआ है और इस अवधि